

Senate Resolution 856

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Carter of the 1st and James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James C. Metts, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. James C. Metts, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that he has played in the field of medicine and his deep personal
4 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a physician in Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Metts, Jr., has diligently and
6 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talent, and leadership to improving
7 the lives of others through his work in the area of cardiovascular disease prevention; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1969, Dr. Metts, Jr., organized, led, funded, and inspired a community-wide
9 effort to reduce suffering, disability, and premature death caused by stroke, heart attack, and
10 kidney failure; and

11 WHEREAS, he was recognized by the Georgia Department of Human Resources for his
12 Community Cardiovascular Council, which was used as a model for the state-wide Stroke
13 and Heart Attack Prevention Program (SHAPP); and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Metts, Jr.'s Community Cardiovascular Council has successfully lowered
15 the stroke rate by 72 percent and the heart attack death rate by 36 percent in Chatham and
16 Effingham counties; and

17 WHEREAS, he has served as an advocate for funding for the SHAPP program and a
18 champion of the program's success throughout this state; and

19 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
20 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
21 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Dr. James C. Metts, Jr., for his four decades of efficient, effective, unselfish, and
26 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; recognize him for his persistent efforts
27 which have saved thousands of lives, prevented thousands of disabilities, and resulted in a
28 better quality of life for innumerable citizens; and extend to him their most sincere best
29 wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James C. Metts, Jr.